

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

From: GFP Admin Rules

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 1:32 PM

To: GFP Admin Rules

Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Jesse McMillian

Address: 402 N25th

City: Hot Springs

State: sd

Zip: 57747

Email:

Phone:

Comment: I would like to see the elk population grow and see the age structure of the bulls harvested higher, average 7 plus. Please keep the tag numbers down until the BH reaches 7000-8000 elk. Thanks Jesse

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From: GFP Admin Rules

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 7:52 PM

To: GFP Admin Rules

Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: mike jarding

Address: 27201 valley rd

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State: sd

Zip: 57747

Email: mjarding@gwtc.net

Phone: 6058902422

Comment: GFP Commission, We would like to comment on the presentation given by Andy Lindbloom and John Kanta. First of all, the data presented was very informative and we thank them for explaining the data to the public. We thank the commission and GFP for continuing their efforts to increase the elk population. However we do have some concerns that we hope the GFP staff and Commission will take into consideration: The age structure of the bulls: In 2013, 60% of the bulls harvested were under the age of 3 years old. South Dakota should be considered a quality Bull hunt. When average applying time for a bull is 8-10 years, hunters should have more opportunities to harvest a mature 5+ year old bull. For most western states where you apply for 8-10 years, a hunter has very good odds at harvesting a 7-9 year old bull. The Starkey elk project in Oregon indicates that a mature bull (5+) will breed cows in a shorter period of time thus lowering predation opportunity by synchronizing calving dates. The study also shows that elk calves will be born earlier which will allow them to reach maturity quicker for reproduction and increase overall fitness for winter conditions. Pregnancy rates: We are concerned about increasing the cow tags when GFP reported that only 66% of the cows were bred in this year's study outside of CSP. You will have a lower calf population in addition to the average 30% mortality rate which equates to possibly causing the elk population to decline. We believe the tags for unit 3 should not be raised above the current proposal of 80 any elk and 60 antlerless. Raising the tags could cause the population to decrease which would also decrease hunter opportunity. Based on the hunter satisfaction survey, unit 3 had one of the highest numbers of hunters describing elk as "Too Few Seen". Cow harvest success in 2013 was only 41% which indicates the population is still low and needs to grow. We believe that the Black Hills can maintain a herd of 7,000 to 8,000 elk and suggest that you manage for a higher population of mature aged bulls. We ranch in Unit 3, south of Pringle, and we want more elk on our property and are working hard towards providing habitat for elk. We value wildlife as much as we do ranching. We thank you for the cooperation between RMEF, Wind Cave, and GFP to push elk out of Wind Cave and hope that these efforts will be continued if needed in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration, Mike and Angela Jarding/Arrow J Ranch Paul and Penny Svenkeson Ranch 27201 valley rd Hot Springs, SD

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*Debra Ascher, Executive Secretary
SD Game, Fish, and Parks
523 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501
Phone 605.773.3718*

From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 4:51 PM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: carson smith

Address: 241 s 5th st

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Email:

Phone:

Comment: SDG&F Commissioners and GF&P Wildlife Managers Please keep the tags low in the elk unit 3 so the population will grow. Also please set your goals higher so when hunters get a bull tag we have an opportunity to harvest a mature bull, six plus year old bulls. Having to wait 10+ years to get a tag we want to have an opportunity to harvest a good quality bull. Thanks you Carson Smith

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From: GFP Admin Rules

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 4:56 PM

To: GFP Admin Rules

Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Joe Jarding

Address:

City: Rapid City

State: SD

Zip: 57701

Email:

Phone:

Comment: To whom it may concern, Please consider the environmental capabilities of Elk Unit 3. This area can withstand a greater number of elk and maintain a healthy herd. The numbers of elk which were harvested in the past have exceeded what should have been a proper reduction. To wait 10 plus years and draw a tag and not have a greater number of trophy bull elk to hunt, has been the case in this unit. 60% of bull elk harvested in the past have been three years or younger. This unit has the capabilities of producing an abundance of trophy animals with the right management. Please consider my concerns. Thank you.

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Subject: FW: GFP News for 3-21-14

From: Gale Paulson [<mailto:gale@psinternational.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 12:22 PM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: RE: GFP News for 3-21-14

I would again strongly urge you to end all deer seasons on December 31 instead of extending them into January. I see no GOOD REASON to have the deer season go into January. If a hunter cannot get his deer by December 31, there obviously are not too many deer or the hunter is not trying very hard to get a deer. Too many bucks that have dropped their antlers are killed in these extended seasons---and illegal hunting practices (such as shooting from roads and vehicles) take place because of the cold weather and difficulty of getting off of roads.

Gale Paulson, President

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SF, SD

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From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2014 11:07 AM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Tschumper

Address:

City: Watertown

State: SD

Zip: 57201

Email:

Phone:

Comment: My concern for a earlier archery date is would this be a buck only 2 week early hunt because I think if we were to hunt doe's at that time are the yearlings weaned out as to not have to rely on the doe to take care of them. Just a thought. Thanks, Barry.

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From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 5:18 PM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Dennis Schmig

Address: 15559 473rd ave

City: stockholm

State: sd

Zip: 57264

Email:

Phone:

Comment: I am against starting the season any earlier than it is now. These guys are already losing too many wounded deer that they unable to track, due to lack of potential snow ccover and standing crops. By going to January 15,if we have depredation problems, they can help out in that department. You have let that group have way too much influence on deer hunting.

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From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 9:05 PM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: corey

Address: 556 ohio ave nw

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State: So

Zip: 57350

Email: c.hokanson@hotmail.com

Phone: 6053503509

Comment: I think archery dates should remain the same as last year so the youth could have the first chance at hunting during the youth deer season

Ascher, Debra

Subject: archery season proposals

From: Tom Braun [<mailto:coyowood@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 2:02 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: archery season proposals

The MAKE COMMENTS link on new proposals that I recd. did not function----hopefully this gets through.

As a TRADITIONAL bow hunter, I don't understand why an earlier opening of archery deer is proposed, when Sec. Vonk went to great lengths to inform the SD Bow Hunters, that due to the increase in hunters and kills, some means of limiting deer harvests in archery seasons need to be examined! So, in order to accomplish that, how does increasing the season, allowing X bows in the "gun" seasons, (which is just a foot in the door for them to eventually be allowed in "Archery" seasons), and easing equipment regs, (which makes bow hunting easier for those who only want another chance to kill or sell something, and not put in any time or effort to be proficient in what was SUPPOSED TO BE A CHALLENGING SPORT), in any way help?

NO early opening of archery deer, and NO easing of equipment regs please.

Thank You, Tom Braun, Hot Springs

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Subject: Reasons I am against adjustment to Archery Deer season.

From: bob [<mailto:lesterz@pie.midco.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 5:07 PM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: RE: Reasons I am against adjustment to Archery Deer season.

Sorry! Robert, Lester, Pierre, South Dakota,

From: bob [<mailto:lesterz@pie.midco.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 1:09 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Reasons I am against adjustment to Archery Deer season.

I would be against this for two reasons. 1. the archery season weather would be just that much hotter. 2. I love to hunt in January, it's kind of a slow month for outdoor activity.

605-645-1159

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Early Archery Season Not Good For Mule Deer

From: Matt Rippentrop [<mailto:mattrippentrop@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2014 10:32 PM

To: GFP Wild Info; John (SD GF&P) Cooper; Spies, Jim; Barry (SD GF&P) Jensen; Peterson, Cathy; Sather, Duane; Jensen, Gary; Representative H. Paul Dennert; Scott (New Underwood) Phillips

Subject: Early Archery Season Not Good For Mule Deer

Hello Commissioners

The early archery season that is proposed will be detrimental to South Dakota's mule deer population, because they are on their summer range during early September and become much easier to pattern at this time. With the mule deer numbers so low across Western South Dakota right now we should not want to find another way to decrease their population even further. Please consider not approving the early archery season.

This idea could possibly work for whitetail only and removing the January archery season is a great idea.

I am a member of SDBI and truly respect them for all of the hard work they do, but the early archery hunting season would just be too hard on the mule deer population.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matt "Rip" Rippentrop

Oelrichs, SD

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Subject: FW: Proposed archery hunting change

om: Henderson, Joe [<mailto:JHenderson@sfgmembers.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 8:40 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposed archery hunting change

I strongly support the proposed date changes for an archery season that will have it open and close approx. 2 weeks earlier.

This allows hunters to begin chasing deer earlier when they are fully developed but less stressed, and prevents unnecessary late season pressure when deer are beginning to become stressed by weather, some bucks are shedding antlers already, and deer are overall difficult to pursue after multiple gun seasons.

I see this proposal as a good change and would fully recommend approval.

Joe Henderson, Sioux Falls, SD 57193 jhenderson@sfgmembers.com

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Subject: FW: Archery Deer Proposal

From: Alan Freng [<mailto:alanfreng@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 12:46 PM

To: Vonk, Jeff

Subject: Archery Deer Proposal

Mr. Vonk

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed change of starting the archery deer season two weeks early. Frankly, I think this is an awful idea. I moved to Pierre in late fall of 2007 but really did not start archery hunting here until 2008. I am not fortunate enough to be a land owner and therefore I hunt exclusively on public land; primarily on the river system from West Bend all the way up to Sutton Bay.

Since 2008 I have noticed the number of mule deer has declined every year. It's not only the population declining, but also the number of mature bucks. Opening morning between Peoria Flats and Sutton Bay often times there will be 100 vehicles (most with multiple hunters) parked on the side of the road while people are out trying to bag a mule deer which are still residing in their summer range and extremely vulnerable. Last year on opening day, at Sutton's walk in area, I saw a group of kids who shot 3 mule deer bucks, none of which were mature and they did not recover a single one!

Opening the archery season two weeks early only makes those deer that much more vulnerable and as your experts will attest, patterning deer on their summer range is quite easy. Do we really need to hunt deer for one third of the year? And then after getting chased for four months, these animals have to deal with winter for the next four months!

I love archery hunting, but this is ridiculous. We don't need to change the season dates. If anything, the season should be condensed. It is safe to say, deer numbers state wide are on the decline (especially mule deer) and so it doesn't justify why you would consider allowing hunters the chance to shoot deer two weeks earlier while they're in summer patterns/ranges. If we had record numbers of deer or even if the population was stable, then it might make sense, but it certainly doesn't now.

Finally, I feel too many archery tags are issued. The number of tags a hunter can have just blows the minds of people away from other states. They can hardly believe it when I tell them. Make non-resident archery tags limited and have a lottery. Unlimited non- resident tags is absurd. If people have to wait a couple of years to come to South Dakota to hunt deer, maybe they will think twice about shooting something that isn't mature, opposed to anything with antlers.

If the Commission lets this happen, within a couple of years there will not be a big mature mule deer buck along the river from Ft. Thompson to Mobridge.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my thoughts. Please, if you would, pass this along to the Commission so they can hear my views before the April meeting. Thank you!

Sincerely, Alan Freng, 212 N. Jackson Ave, Pierre SD 57501

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Subject: FW: Earlier start date for archery deer

From: Dakota Excursions [<mailto:dakotaex@valleytel.net>]

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 2:41 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Earlier start date for archery deer

My name is Troy Hanson and I am from Pollock, S.D. I would like to show my support for an earlier start date for archery deer. My concerns are probley the same as all the other bowhunters, mainly you have a very small window to hunt patternable deer before pheasant season opens. Pollock is right on the N.D. border, they have had a early start date for many years and it seems to work great for them! Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

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Subject:

FW: Early Archery Start Date

In a message dated 3/26/2014 2:20:19 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, jjw@hotmail.com writes:

Jason West
28670 181st Pierre S.D. 57501
605 222 2587

Hello, I just wanted to express my concern for the Archery deer opener dates being moved up.

I feel the season dates being moved up is a terrible idea and shouldn't be considered as an option. If anything the date should be shortened in dec and not opened till oct.

I am a rancher in West Sully County and have watched our regions Mule deer population decimated by public hunters on the areas publicly accessible high water line. Specifically areas like the Little Bend Walk in area and Sutton walk in area.

We have a 4000 acre ranch along the Oahe and do not provide commercial hunting. If you are not familiar with our area then you should be. From little Bend to the potter county line is some of east rivers best deer habitat, especially mule deer. With little knowledge one can see the detriment that early archery deer hunting is doing to Mule deer "summer range". Its imperative for heard health and growth to have areas where the mule deer can range. Currently we are providing that range as a land owner, because of the heavily pressured summer ranges as mentioned. If your going to run a "free for all" archery tag draw then you have to stop generalizing the state, by allowing areas to be over hunted.

Opening morning archery deer on little bend walk in area, i counted 42 vehicles parked on various areas of the peninsula. I counted 60 + - hunters. If you are not familiar with the size of the little bend then you should perhaps research it. The Little Bend is a historic summer range for mule deer bucks and has a regionally special architecture. Historically, mule deer bucks and doe/fawn pairs reside in this area throughout the summer and then begin to disperse around mid oct. Ive know this through out my entire life and my Grandfather Lowell "Odie" West has spoke of it all of this also. The area of sutton's walk in holds the same status.

I believe the damage that earlier archery hunting will do, will be the final "nail in coffin" so to speak for the summer range patterns of these animals. I believe there are areas that could benefit from early hunting, however you have not set your system up to accommodate specific areas. Your archery tag system allows every hunter 7 to 12 tags if they want and gives you zero control over over hunting, beyond simple state wide averages and quotas.

I move my cattle oct 15 out of our privately owned "Bloody Run" pasture to accommodate the need for mule deer to have unpressured habitat. If you move your season date up i will open my pasture up around Oct 1st for the deer. Its a shame that we have to do this, however we have done this for 20 years and it works and the deer population and remains stable. With recent surges in archery hunter numbers the deer can't get in there quick enough. We have noticed a significant decline in mule deer numbers in 2012 and 2013. Moving the season up simply gives the deer less unpressuered stress free time to grown and develop healthily. South dakota winters can be hard and the time of the year you are proposing to start hunting just gives the deer less time.

On an unrelated note, I propose you make the public area along the Oahe from pieoria flats to the potter co line a special draw unit and start managing the specific area. Stop lumping the state into one big archery unit, cross the river sometime and if you can't see what I'm talking about, I can point it out. Habitats are all different and animals require specialized requirements based on those specific regions. We have a good deer population because we manage it and pressure it effectively on our property. Id rather wait 3 years for a good quality hunt, then hunt every year and not see an animal on public ground.

Listen to our conservation officer Any Schmall. He agrees with me on this and I hope you consider my points, Don't move the archery season dates up and consider our area when you make your decisions.

Sincerely, Jason West =

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery deer season proposal

From: Cheryl/Dennis Ulvestad [<mailto:cdulvestad@knology.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 10:57 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer season proposal

I am against changing the archery deer season to an earlier start/end. I look forward to the Jan. "quiet" time after most other seasons have closed and the outdoors have had a chance to settle down once again.

Dennis Ulvestad

SF, SD

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Subject: FW: commission on archery deer.. east river season proposal

From: jgruber148@yahoo.com [<mailto:jgruber148@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 4:50 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: commission on archery deer.. east river season proposal

I really do not understand the logic in such a proposal.. as avid bowhunter and landowner, I find it hard to believe there is any reason to open the season any earlier, but to close it on dec. 31st sounds a little bogus to me.. there are not many of us out at that time of yr.. but those of us who do appreciate the snow and cold, it is our time to hunt.. while this may not appeal to all but to some it is the best time of the yr. to be out.. and we do not road hunt with bows...

few if any would participate in the earlier dates of sept. first off it is usually too warm, and the bugs are horrible. Crops are still out, and the deer are not moving anywhere worth while.

I feel if you are going to make a change like this due to hunting public land, well then do the same to the muzzleloaders and rifle doe permits.. it is not fair to go after just one group who are very selective in their practice.. also, just how many deer are taken by bow in the jan. hunt?

you need to address the muzzle season.. it is nothing more than a single shot high power, and the season should coincide with rifle anyways. not much difference..

if preserving quality is an issue tell me why as a land owner do I deserve up to six tags total, when so many cannot even get one license? And of these two for every season, three bucks can be taken by myself, my wife, or our sons... just plain ridiculous... Not one of us land owners deserve over one buck per yr.. rifle, bow, or muzzle. and not one of us landowners should be allowed over 3 deer per family.. these resources belong to all s.d. residents..

as a landowner we need to look at the road hunting issue, the bow season is fine unless you are willing to adjust the seasons for all to end on dec. 31st.. rifle and muzzle.... thank you jim gruber 148 sunset park drive, Estelline. s.d. 57234 320 249 8466

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Subject:

FW: comment on archery deer season proposed changes

From: Bornemann, Ron [<mailto:Ron.Bornemann@sanfordhealth.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:05 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: comment on archery deer season proposed changes

I do not want to see you move up the archery season. There is little deer movement during the day in early September, and I like getting out in late season after most other hunters have quit for the year, it is very peaceful out in the field that time of year. The south Dakota bow hunters association does not speak for me. If they would like an earlier season because of other hunters hunting public land, open up public land for a limited hunt early, just like you do for pheasant hunting, but leave my late season hunting privilege alone. Remember when you change something to make it better for someone you are taking something away from someone else.

Respectfully
Ronald Bornemann
3030 8th st n
Fargo, ND 58102

I am a non resident land owner with 680 acres of land in prime deer and pheasant hunting territory in McPherson county near Eureka

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Subject: FW: archery deer

From: BrianK-Gmail [<mailto:bkidman@destinyclinic.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 8:14 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: archery deer

Dear SDGF&P,

Please leave archery deer season as is or extend to end of January. Reason is that deer bunch up and move around in January making it actually easier to find and take does with a bow. That enables better doe control in regards to managing herds. Thank you.

Brian Kidman
Harrisburg, SD

From: 294.apd@aberndeen.sd.us [mailto:294.apd@aberndeen.sd.us]

Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2014 4:16 PM

To: Leif, Tony

Subject: Archery deer season proposal

My name is Curtis Kline I am from Aberdeen SD. I would like to see the archery deer season in South Dakota open sooner than the traditional late September start date that has been in effect for several years. I have mentioned this in the comments section of the Archery deer hunter's survey cards that I fill out at the end of the hunting season. I feel strongly about this issue and this year I contacted my local state legislator House Rep. Dan Kaiser and asked if he would draft a bill that would consider opening the Archery deer season the second Saturday in September. Rep Kaiser drafted a bill and brought the bill to the house floor. During discussion on that bill GF&P representative Tony Leif suggested a better venue for the proposed season change would be the GF&P commission.

I am asking that the SD Game Fish and Parks commission review a possible change to the Archery Deer Season opening dates. The following is a few considerations I would ask the commission to consider while making the decision on whether to change the opening day of the Archery deer season.

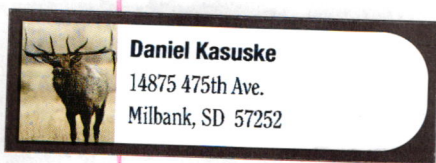
I am an avid archery deer hunter and hunt strictly public land. Under the current season structure archery deer season opens the last Saturday in Sept. The regular pheasant season usually opens the third Saturday in October. The resident pheasant season which is only allowed on public land opens the weekend before the regular pheasant season. Youth pheasant season opens the weekend before resident only pheasant season which usually occurs on the first weekend in October. That leaves only one week of archery deer season open without a concurrent pheasant season.

Hunter recruitment is vital for the survival of the archery hunting heritage. It is important to get youngsters involved in bow hunting. By the time a child reaches hunting age, ten years old, video games, friends, and other sports take up a majority of their free time. An earlier start date to the Archery deer season allows parents to get non hunting age children involved in hunting by providing early season child friendly weather opportunities. My preschool age daughter has been able to join me on many spring turkey hunts due to the temperatures at that time of year. It is much harder to find suitable days in October and November that allow for her to join me on a hunt.

Everyone in South Dakota knows that pheasant season is king and that pheasant hunting is as much of a social event as a sporting event. Archery hunting is a solitary sport. An earlier start to the Archery deer season will give archery hunters more opportunity to enjoy the solitude of the sport we love.

Without future hunters we won't need to be concerned with opening dates of hunting seasons because hunting won't exist. An earlier start date gives parents the opportunity to enjoy archery hunting with their children without worrying about cold weather that can so easily dampen a child's enthusiasm for the sport. An early September starting date to the Archery deer season ensures the hunting heritage will continue in South Dakota by igniting the passion for hunting early in children, before video games, computers, and all the other distractions they are sure to encounter once they become legal hunting age.

Thank you for this opportunity and consideration, Curtis Kline



Proposal #2 Archery Deer Hunting Season

Dear Commission members:

I strongly support the proposed season changes for archery deer from the fourth Saturday of September to the second Saturday of September and to end the season December 31st instead of January 15th.

An earlier season would allow myself and the group I hunt with time to go out west river before the harvest season starts, as the group is mostly farmers. We've all, four to six hunters, gone west river every year for 12 years, then in 2013 the season was too late in September, harvest started, and also you had rifle antelope starting the same day as archery deer. Not safe! Also, we always buy both archery deer + archery antelope to have a combined hunt, but in 2013 archery antelope closed for 2 weeks because of rifle antelope at start of archery deer season. Another stop to hunting both on same trip.

I've read information where license sales were way down last year. Because of late start in 2013, you (GFP) lost income from my group of four to six hunters - who buy west river archery any deer, archery antelope deer and archery antelope - close to \$100.00 per hunter for licenses - so \$400.00 to \$600.00 for the group. We would have gone out west if earlier season. Please Support the earlier start.

Thank you, Daniel Kasuske



Proposed 2013
Hunting Season

Dear Commissioner Members:

I strongly support the proposed changes for archery deer from the fourth Saturday of September to the second Saturday of September and to end the season November 1st instead of January 1st.

An earlier season would allow myself and the group I hunt with time to go out west river before the harvest season starts, as the group is mostly farmers. We have all, four to six hunters, give west river every year for 13 years, then in 2013 the season was too late in September, harvest started, and also you had rifle antelope starting the same day as archery deer. Not safe! Also, we always had both archery deer & archery antelope to have a combined hunt, but in 2013 archery antelope closed for 3 weeks because of rifle antelope at start of archery deer season. Another step to hunting both on same trip.

The real information where license sales were low last year because of late start in 2013, you (GEP) lost income from and group of four to six hunters - who had west river archery and deer archery antelope - close to \$1000 for hunter for licenses - so this is to \$1000 for the group. We would have gone out west if earlier season. Please? What the earlier start.

Thank you
Daniel Kincaid

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From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 8:37 AM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Dave Grevlos

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State: SD

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Email: grevhunt@alliancecom.net

Phone: 6053764868

Comment: I am in favor of the proposed archery deer season change to beginning the second Saturday in September. Simply, it is a great time of year to be in the field.

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From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:20 PM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Aaron Roeber

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State: SD

Zip: 57702

Email: aaronroeber@hotmail.com

Phone: 605-341-1327

Comment: I would like to comment on the proposed season change to the Archery deer season. I would be in favor of the new season changes. I would enjoy the opportunity to hunt earlier in the season to possibly get a deer in velvet.

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Subject: Archery

From: Tom Dice [<mailto:Tom@dicefinancial.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 9:55 AM

To: SDGFPINFO

Subject: RE: SD GFP's March Commission Meeting Highlights

As a 40 year plus archery hunter I want to congratulate you on the suggested change. Makes good sense to me! Competition for private land is much different today than it was years ago due to the popularity of bow hunting and extending into January isn't often of much help. Those wishing to harvest a doe should have had plenty of opportunities. The long season for archery has been and continues to be a real part of my quality of life. The opportunity to be outside watching game and enjoying the SD fall means a lot to me.

Deer populations in Davison and Hanson counties have definitely dropped in the last couple years but I am optimistic that conditions will allow a quick recovery.

Thomas J. Dice, CFP®
Mitchell, SD 57301

Ascher, Debra

Subject: Change Archery Deer season start date to 2nd Saturday of Sept.

From: Steven Frank [<mailto:Stevenarcherye@hur.midco.net>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 12:45 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Change Archery Deer season start date to 2nd Saturday of Sept.

I am for the Archery Deer Season change proposals , Start Archery Deer the 2nd Saturday of Sept. Steven Frank , Huron , S. Dak. 57350 Phone 352-3044

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery season extention

From: Bruzelius, Kevin
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 8:51 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Archery season extention

To whom it may concern,

I like the extended archery time frame proposal, for the purpose of those who also mentor or have young children who also hunt; the extended period would let archery hunters under these conditions have a little more time to make it out hunting, before and after, they take time with their kids hunting.

Thanks for all you guys do!

Kevin Bruzelius
825 S Grant Ave
Pierre, SD 57501
605-224-6369

Ascher, Debra

Subject: Proposals bow season

-----Original Message-----

From: Brady Retterath [<mailto:bradyretterath@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2014 10:28 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposals bow season

Brady Retterath

911 3rd ave w

Mobridge sd

I am for the earlier bow season start because it gives a guy more of an oppertunity to spend more time in the walk in and public land provided by the state before pheasant season opens. It seems like a person starts bow hunting and able to pattern the deer and then pheasant season opens a couple weeks later and then people are stomping all over the public making it very difficult to bow hunt.

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: Archery Deer Seasosn

From: P & L Griswold [<mailto:foxtrot@gwtc.net>]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2014 11:34 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery Deer Seasons

I would agree with the change to start earlier and end on Dec. 31 for the archery deer season.

Thanks for this opportunity,

Loyd Griswold

Phillip, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery deer season

-----Original Message-----

From: Amber Ranek [<mailto:amber@executive-lodging.com>]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2014 10:07 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer season

Anthony Galbraith
Spearfish SD

I think that it is becoming more and more important for the future of hunting that we get youth involved in the outdoors and away from tvs and video games. I think if the season starts the second week of September it will give the youth more time in the outdoors in stands and blinds without being too cold for them to join their family member in the field.

Thanks Anthony Galbraith

Sent from my iPad

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery deer season move

-----Original Message-----

From: Aspen Arboriculture Solutions, LLC [<mailto:sam@aspenarbo.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 1:56 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer season move

I support the moving of the archery deer season up to the second weekend in September. I would live to see it move to September 1. Has this ever been considered?

The earlier dates will allow archery hunters more time on public ground to hunt without completion from other game hunters. Plus, if Sept. 1, there will be opportunities for the harvest of bucks in velvet. Thank you for your consideration.

Sam Kezar
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www.aspenarbo.com



Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery season dates

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Colbath [mailto:Gary_Colbath@fd.org]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 4:05 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery season dates

Commissioners,

My name is Gary G. Colbath and I live in Rapid City. I am an avid bowhunter and have held bow licenses in the state for more than 20 years.

I would urge you to adopt the season change proposals to the archery deer season which would start the season two weeks earlier and eliminate the January portion of the season at the end of the hunting year. This is far less stressful on the deer (early hunting rather than later) allows for better management, and in certain cases would provide an opportunity to shoot a velvet buck.

Thank you for your work and Consideration.

Gary

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Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery Deer Season

From: Scott Guffey [<mailto:guffeyscott@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 9:26 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery Deer Season

I support the Archery Deer Season date change, except for the Black Hills. I would recommend making the archery deer season start date for the Black Hills October 1. During September in the Black Hills you have archery elk hunters and some of them have waited over 20 years to draw this coveted tag. An earlier archery deer season start date would create more hunting traffic in the Black Hills during September and potential conflicts between elk and deer archery hunters.

I would also support the elimination of all antlerless deer seasons after December 31. Bucks begin to shed their antlers in late December. A December 31 end date would eliminate the unintended harvesting of shed antler bucks during the antlerless only season in January.

Scott Guffey
4916 Stoney Creek Dr
Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

From: GFP Admin Rules

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:23 AM

To: GFP Admin Rules

Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: John Duffy

Address: 425 Wren Circle

City: Brookings

State: SD

Zip: 57006

Email: jduffy03@hotmail.com

Phone: 6052707251

Comment: My following comments are in regard to: "Amend the start date for the archery deer hunting season from the fourth Saturday of September to the second Saturday of September and eliminate that portion of the season which currently runs from January 1-15." I think the above is an excellent idea and my friends and I have wanted something like this for a very long time. Actually, I think the archery season should even begin earlier on September 1st like many other western states. However, starting the season earlier in September is better than later in September. Giving more time before pheasant and waterfowl hunting on public land would be great and would offer more opportunities to hunt before the weather turns worse and rifle season begins. Also, getting an opportunity to hunt deer in the velvet is a huge attraction to many hunters and South Dakota would very likely pick up more revenue from non-residents to come and try to capitalize on this option. Because rifle seasons in South Dakota run during the rut (between the west river and east river rifle seasons), it usually only gives archers the opportunity the week before the rifle season to hunt the deer when bucks are most-vulnerable. Adding a September 1st (or 2nd Saturday in September) option would allow another narrow window of increased harvest opportunity in addition to the sole weekend before the west river rifle season. Perhaps this could be tied into a Labor Day weekend and archery antelope hunt as well. Thanks for considering my opinion! Best Regards, John Duffy Brookings, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

From: GFP Admin Rules

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 3:52 PM

To: GFP Admin Rules

Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Andy Carlson

Address: 919 Parkway Blvd

City: Brookings

State: SD

Zip: 57006

Email: andycarlson12@yahoo.com

Phone: 605-203-0328

Comment: I am fully supportive in moving the start of the archery deer season in South Dakota to an earlier date in September. I would even favor a Sept 1 start, as common with many other western states. I think there are many benefits to the hunter including: 1.) More opportunity to harvest a deer prior to the start of rifle season, which completely disrupts patterns for bowhunters 2.) Better weather for hunting as late season hunts make for miserable hunting 3.) Better success for archery hunters as deer may still be on summer feeding patterns and more huntable. Overall success for archery hunter currently isn't all that high. 4.) Possible opportunity to harvest a "velvet" buck, a unique trophy for hunters 5.) Increase hunting in SD. Because of our later start, many out of state bowhunters hunt in other western states rather than SD. If we match up closer with other states, more hunters may come to SD instead

Ascher, Debra

From: Miller, LouAnn
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:12 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Archery Deer Season Start Date

From: Eric Witt [<mailto:ewitt@swiftel-bmu.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:01 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Archery Deer Season Start Date

GFP,

I am in full support of the proposed change to move the Archery Deer season start date to the second weekend of September and eliminating the last two weeks in January. This will provide: 1) hunting opportunities on public land before the start of other small game seasons, 2) provide more tolerable/comfortable opportunity for those interested in filling a doe tag (the last 2 weeks in January are typically antlerless only), 3) virtually eliminate the possibility (albeit slight) that the "anterless" deer shot in early January is actually a buck that dropped its antlers early.

Please adopt this proposed change. Please contact me at (605) 691-3334 if you have any questions.

Eric Witt, P.E.

Brookings Municipal Utilities

W/WW Plant Operations & Engineering Supervisor
PO Box 588, 525 Western Avenue
Brookings, SD 57006
Office (605) 697-8410 / Cell (605) 691-3334
ewitt@swiftel-bmu.com

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: I support the adjusted archery deer season

From: Andy Vandel [<mailto:andyvandel@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:21 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: I support the adjusted archery deer season

I am in support for adjusting the archery deer season. I feel this will give archery hunters more opportunity for a quality hunt.

Andy Vandel

Pierre, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery Deer Season Change

-----Original Message-----

From: John Haeder [<mailto:haeder@rushmore.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 3:51 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery Deer Season Change

Good Afternoon:

I approve of the change -- not because of the earlier start but to eliminate the January portion of the season. I know of 2 buck deer that had shed their antlers and were killed in that time period. Hate to kill potential trophy deer.

John Haeder
Rapid City, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery deer dates

From: Lennard Hopper [<mailto:lhopper@spe.midco.net>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 3:57 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer dates

I just began bowhunting last year. My season was severely compromised by the large accumulation of snow my area had in October. While it was certainly an unusual year, I think moving the season up would provide a better opportunity for bowhunters to get out and hunt deer in their more natural patterns without the risk of early weather complicating an already challenging venture. I also work 8-5 Monday through Friday, and an earlier season would allow a few more early evening stands prior to the time change in October. I would strongly support the move.

Lennard Hopper
Spearfish, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery opening

-----Original Message-----

From: Elmer [<mailto:ehamburger@venturecomm.net>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:47 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery opening

I would support opening archery two weeks earlier and closing earlier. It gives more time to hunt when the weather is nice and the deer aren't effected by the harvest or other hunting.

Elmer hamburger Seneca

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery deer season date change

-----Original Message-----

From: Ryon Berry [<mailto:ryonberry@icloud.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:56 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer season date change

I support changing the archery deer season to the proposed earlier dates.

I remember the first morning of the first season I hunted archery deer. I was in college in Brookings at the time. I was hunting on public land and was waiting for legal shooting light to try and take a buck I had crawled within range of that morning. As I was thinking it was near legal shooting time the other side of the walk in erupted into a volley of shotgun fire from a lakebed/ slough because it was also duck season opener. Had I not had the luxury of later hunting my family's property back in Haakon county I likely would have never hunted archery again after my initial experience.

Name: Ryon Berry

Hometown: Philip, SD

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery deer season

-----Original Message-----

From: Markfrickson [<mailto:mark.frickson@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 6:30 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer season

I think the early start and end as is proposed would be better. It makes it better as to the pheasant hunters not making some places so spooky.

Sent from my iPad mark frickson from 213 north Eastman st milbank sd

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archer Deer Season Dates

From: Pete Peterson [<mailto:ppeterson@spader.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:00 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archer Deer Season Dates

I like the proposal for second Saturday in September, but I still think it should be open to January 15.

"If you give a man a fish you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish you feed him for a lifetime."
"People won't always remember what you said or did, but they will remember how you made them feel"

Mark "Pete" Peterson / ppeterson@spader.com

PO Box 2820 / Sioux Falls, SD 57101 / spader.com

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: archery deer season proposed date changes

From: Tom.I.Jensen@wellsfargo.com [<mailto:Tom.I.Jensen@wellsfargo.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 7:58 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Cc: JHenderson@sfgmembers.com

Subject: archery deer season proposed date changes

good morning,

I strongly support the proposed date changes for an archery season that will have it open and close approx. 2 weeks earlier.

This allows hunters to begin chasing deer earlier when they are fully developed but less stressed, and prevents unnecessary late season pressure when deer are beginning to become stressed by weather, some bucks are shedding antlers already, and deer are overall difficult to pursue after multiple gun seasons.

I see this proposal as a good change and would fully recommend approval.

Thank you!

Tom Jensen
429 Macey Ave
Harrisburg, SD 57032

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery deer date

-----Original Message-----

From: Ben Hoffmann [<mailto:benhoffmann54@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 5:26 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer date

I think this is a great idea on changing the date earlier and ending sooner. The deer already have enough stress in the late season to have hunting pressure that late in the season.

Ben Hoffmann
1222 west 44th st south
Brookings Sd 57006

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Archery Deer Season Changes

-----Original Message-----

From: James Heuer [<mailto:jaheuer2@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:15 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery Deer Season Changes

I support the proposed season changes to the archery deer season.

James R. Heuer

Arlington, SD

Sent from my iPhone

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Archery deer

From: Jon Olson [<mailto:jbolson426@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:54 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Archery deer

I support the petition to change dates of archery deer season.

Jon Olson, Sioux Falls, SD

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Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Please support an earlier start to SD archery season

From: Cyrus [<mailto:drcyrus68@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 11:54 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Please support an earlier start to SD archery season

To Whom it May Concern:

I believe adjusting the archery deer season to an earlier start and end is a good idea.

Currently the archery and waterfowl open on the same dates. It would be nice to be able to archery hunt earlier and not worry if nearby waterfowl hunting will disturb your first hunt of the year.

Many bucks drop antlers late in the season which can lead to inadvertent harvesting of a buck.

Allowing the wildlife to settle in to the better wintering areas without disturbance in January will be better for the wildlife.

North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin all have earlier starts dates than South Dakota currently has.

My two cents,

Cyrus Mahmoodi,
Clark County

Ascher, Debra

From: GFP Admin Rules
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 1:23 PM
To: GFP Admin Rules
Subject: Comment on : GFP 2014 March Proposals - 2014 April Finals

Name: Mike Jarding

Address: 27201 valley rd

City: hot springs

State: sd

Zip: 57747

Email: mjarding@gwtc.net

Phone: 6057457800

Comment: Dear Commissioners I would like to comment on the early archery season that is being proposed. Due to the low number of deer, especially mule deer in western South Dakota I am not in favor of the early archery season. I do appreciate looking into different options to the archery seasons, but I believe shooting deer earlier will only hurt the deer population that is already alarmingly low. The deer in early September are still in there summer range and would be easier to harvest. This may be a feasible option when/if the deer population increases, but with the deer population extremely low I believe extending the archery season would have adverse affects on the deer population. Thanks for your time. Mike Jarding Hot Springs SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Spearfishing

-----Original Message-----

From: Ryan Weekly [<mailto:weeks@mncomm.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 5:14 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Spearfishing

There is a reason that section of Lake Sharpe is closed already and should remain that way and how can someone request a permit to open it for any reason. Can us goose hunters request a permit to open a refuge to hunt!! First it started with 2 days last year now they want a whole week this year and next year it will be 2 weeks and on and on.

It's enough trouble trying to pass in a boat with the distance boaters have to stay away from the flags by the boundary below the car bridge when there's a flag behind every pillar alone having dive flags scattered from bridges to dam leaving it tough for boaters to navigate or fish that stretch of area.

Leave as is CLOSED!!

Sent from my iPhone

Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet

Game, Fish, and Parks Commission

April 3, 2014

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Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Fishing.

-----Original Message-----

From: Joanne Hegg [<mailto:joanne@mitchelltelecom.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:50 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Fishing.

Sent from my iPad. close the fishing season to ALL out of staters. at least until their season is open so we, here in SOUTH DAKOTA can fish while the lakes are NOT so darn full with people from every other state. Could you really start to think of your fellow South Dakotans??? Especially because we need to have SOME quality time , at the lakes in our own back yards!!!!If you do have a spearing license make sure they spear ONLY CARP!!!! Help us Living here on SD for a change , JO Hegg

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: August Spearfishing Tournament

From: Dennie Pfrimmer [<mailto:dpfrimmer@pie.midco.net>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 8:04 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Cc: jpfrimmer@hotmail.com

Subject: August Spearfishing Tournament

I support the request for a Spearfishing Tournament. I disagree that the waters should be open to other Spear fishers during the Tournament. The only problem that I'm aware of from last year's tournament was caused by divers, who were not in the tournament. Divers in the tournament are coached and cautioned about the rules and are less likely to have negative encounters with anglers.

Dennis Pfrimmer
1619 Grandview Street
Pierre, SD 57501

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: spearfishing in Aug.

From: Dean Fitzler [<mailto:dkf@sio.midco.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 3:36 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: spearfishing in Aug.

fine with me.

Dean Fitzler

Sioux Falls

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Support Spearfishing Request

From: Andy Vandel [<mailto:andyvandel@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:15 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Support Spearfishing Request

I support the request to open the upper end of Lake Sharp to spearfishing for one week in August.

Andy Vandel

Pierre, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Spearfish tournament

From: Noeske, Lowell - NRCS, Pierre, SD [<mailto:Lowell.Noeske@sd.usda.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 6:55 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Spearfish tournament

I think this is a good idea. Opening that stretch of water for an even longer but controlled time period would be good.

Lowell Noeske
District Conservationist
Pierre, SD
lowell.noeske@sd.usda.gov
605-224-8870- ex. 113
1-855-256-2567 Fax.

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Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Request to open the area of Lake Sharpe between the Highway 14/34/83 bridge and Oahe Dam to spearing of game fish for the period of Aug. 11-18, 2014.

From: Chad Carda [<mailto:drcarda@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 10:00 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Request to open the area of Lake Sharpe between the Highway 14/34/83 bridge and Oahe Dam to spearing of game fish for the period of Aug. 11-18, 2014.

Recommend approval.

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Spearfishing below dam

From: Eric Eneboe [<mailto:eseneboe@svtv.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 8:15 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Cc: Landshark Scuba; Colonel Echols

Subject: Spearfishing below dam

I think opening up that area for spearfishing is a wonderful idea. As a scuba diver, I know SD attracts many fellow divers to spearfish, since it is one of the few that allows spearing of gamefish.

The amount of fish we spear is a small percentage of the annual take and having this event and the ability to hunt in the water keeps us diving in SD and not out of state or country.

I encourage you to vote yes on this and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely, Eric Eneboe

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: request to open the area of Lake Sharpe between the Highway 14/34/83 bridge and Oahe Dam

From: Nagel, Justin

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 4:06 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: request to open the area of Lake Sharpe between the Highway 14/34/83 bridge and Oahe Dam

I am opposed to opening the area north of the highway bridge to the oahe dam because this area has heavy boat traffic, and the current is the strongest here. Inexperienced divers could end up well away from their dive area and other boaters would not know it. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THIS HEAVILY TRAFFICKED AREA TO DIVERS/SPEARFISHERMEN.

Thank you,

Justin Nagel
Fort Pierre, SD

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Spear fishing Comments-April 3-4 GF&P Commission meeting

From: Miller, Aaron

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 5:20 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Spear fishing Comments-April 3-4 GF&P Commission meeting

I am opposed to the GF&P Commission temporarily opening the area of Lake Sharpe from the U.S. Highway 14 bridge at Pierre to the Oahe dam to the spearing of game fish. There were valid concerns which were considered when this area was exempted from spear fishing as provided within Administrative Rule 41:07:06:03. Allowing spear fisherman to deploy a diver down flag within various areas of this portion of the Missouri River (thereby excluding the use of internal combustion engines within 75-feet of the flag) would impede boater/general public access to much of the navigational portion of the river for a period of 8 days in August.

Given diver down flags cannot be deployed within 100 yards from a boat dock, (Administrative Rule 41:07:06:07) the numerous boat docks located on the east side of the river in the area of the river, commonly referred to as Neltom, would cause the diver down flags to be positioned well within the navigational portion (main river channel) of the river during a time when this area receives heavy use by watercraft with internal combustion engines. The last weekend(s) before school begins for the area youth is one of the busiest weekends of the summer on the water. Hundreds of boaters access this area by boat and/or jet ski. Additionally, the area directly below the Oahe dam structure, commonly referred to as the Oahe Downstream area, contains three designated boat ramps/docks and a swimming beach, which again will cause any diver down flags properly and legally placed to impede motorized travel within this very narrow portion of river.

Many fishing tournaments have designated boundaries. I believe that restricting spear fishing tournament to the area below the U.S. Highway 14 bridge (as currently allowed by rule) is reasonable and the tournament sponsors and spear fishing anglers currently have an adequate portion of water to enjoy their sport without creating a safety and access issue for other users by opening an otherwise closed area to spear fishing. Thank you.

Aaron Miller

Pierre, SD

605.222.2936

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: spear fishing request

From: Cheryl/Dennis Ulvestad [<mailto:cdulvestad@knology.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:46 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: spear fishing request

Am against spear fishing during that time. What time would the next request be for, May-June? No need to increase the use of a public resource for private gain by some tournament, we have enough of that already with the open water tournaments.

Dennis Ulvestad

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Public comment on spearfishing tournament

From: Adams, Geno

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 9:03 AM

To: Ascher, Debra; Kiel, Emily

Subject: Public comment on spearfishing tournament

I took a call from a gentleman a few days ago on the spearfishing tournament resolution. He is adamantly against spearfishing for walleyes in general and definitely against a spearfishing tournament allowing for expanded opportunities for spearfishing for walleye. His name is Chuck Byrum, Highmore, SD.

Thanks,

Geno Adams
Fisheries Program Administrator
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
Ft. Pierre District Office
20641 SD Hwy 1806
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532
Office: (605) 223-7701
Fax: (605) 223-7717

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: Spear Fishing

From: Chuck Clayton [<mailto:clayton@hur.midco.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:21 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Spear Fishing

There are plenty of waters open to spear fishing now. We don't need anymore.

The biggest problem, which has happened to me, is that the spear fishers drop off in an area and move towards the boat fisherman. Then what are we to do? Don't tell me it doesn't happen, I have seen it many times. Chantier Creek, the mouth of the Cheyenne, as I said, several times. The law says we are supposed to stay a distance from the diving rings. What if we are fishing a point and the divers decide to push us off of it??

Unless there are restrictions about where divers can drop in and which way they can "heard" fish, I am totally opposed to "spear" fishing..... actually I am opposed to spear fishing period. Why can only people rich enough to have diving equipment, be afforded the opportunity to pick out which walleye they are going to shoot and harvest?? This is not the ocean with an endless resource of fish, especially not species like walleye in fresh water.

I could go along if it were only for rough fish like carp, and cat fish. Not game fish like walleye and northern. We do not need any more pressure on the game fish population, we have non-residents to handle that!!!

Chuck Clayton

Past President, SDWF, SD Division, IWLA, very concerned sportsman.

Ascher, Debra

Subject:

FW: Spearing

-----Original Message-----

From: Markfrickson [<mailto:mark.frickson@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 5:53 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Spearing

Plain and simple, no if they want to spear game fish move to minn. With the rest of the nor sky's .
Sent from my iPad

Ascher, Debra

Subject: FW: spearfishing tournament

From: carlsbait [<mailto:carlsbait@midconetwork.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:35 AM

To: Ascher, Debra

Subject: Re: spearfishing tournament

Dan Miller Pierre, South Dakota

From: carlsbait [<mailto:carlsbait@midconetwork.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 12:52 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: spearfishing tournament

You've got to be kidding me!!! Not again!!!! The Regulations book clearly makes this a no no. After seeing the waste and the violations plus the safety hazards last year to bring this up again is doing the fisheries resource a great injustice!!! They have all of Lake Oahe use it. Maybe if they had to clean and package every fish this crap would cease. The regulations are very clear!!! Now they want a whole week?